Toll Gates.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 791-801—R. M. 29-28-11, dated 31st July 1929, directing that British Military Officers on duty will be exempted from the payment of toll at all the toll they conform to the rules laid down in the 'note' under items 6 of the exemptions referred to th

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 9569, dated 13th November 1929, from the S to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, suggesting rules governing the passage of British Military Of duty through the toll-gates in the Mysore State modified as noted in the margin.

To entitle an officer to pass a toll-gate without payment as being on duty, he must fulfil at least one of the three following conditions:—
(i) be travelling in a Staff Car,
(ii) be wearing uniform, or
(iii) be in possession of the Toll Pass issued by Headquarters, Madras District.

ORDER NO. R. 3939-56—R. M. 9-27-117, DATED 2ND DECEMBER 1929.

Government are pleased to direct that the rules given in the 'note' under it of the exemptions in the Government Order read above be deleted and that the now suggested by the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident be substituted instead

It is stated that the passes referred to in rule III as now revised are issued by Headquarters, Madras District, and that too, only to officers on duty, the n of the duty and the period of validity being shown on the pass itself. A specim the toll pass should be given to each toll keeper who should be instructed to allow officer who shows such a pass to go through without molestation. The Revenue missioner is requested to intimate the number of specimen passes required for d bution in consultation with the Presidents of District Boards.

B. NARAYANASWAMI IYENGAR,
Offg. *General Secretary to Governme*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

The working of Government Savings Banks.

READ—

Letter No. 135—S. B., dated the 25th October 1929, from the Comptroller to Government, mitting the Report on the working of the Government Savings Banks during the year 1928-29.

ORDER NO. FL. 3963-72—G. F. 3-29-2, DATED 4TH DECEMBER 1929.

Recorded.

The report records as in previous years an increase in the total numbe accounts as well as in the aggregate balance at their credit. Fifty-seven thousand hundred and twenty-one accounts, both current and dead had at their c Rs. 1,76,60,337 on the 30th June 1929.

It is however observed that as compared with the year 1927-28 the net inc in deposits during the year under review was about Rs. 8 lakhs less, due apparent the investment of savings as 5 Year Fixed Deposits.

Government note with satisfaction that the amount deposited under this sc during the year was Rs. 36,46,575 and that the balance at credit of these Sp Depositors on the 30th June 1929 aggregated Rs. 45,80,900.

Representations have been received for payment of interest on these 5 per cent fixed deposits being made half-yearly instead of yearly as at present. This question as well as the introduction of the Treasury Cash Certificates referred to in para 13 of the Comptroller's Report are under consideration.

The working of Collecting Savings Banks at Bangalore and Mysore has been satisfactory and those newly established at Davangere, Shimoga and Tumkur are expected to prove similarly useful as the benefits of the scheme become known to investors in those places. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to interest themselves in this matter and take all necessary action to popularise this measure for promoting thrift.

Government hope that the improvements in rules and procedure sanctioned during the year in regard to withdrawals of Deposits will effectively guard against fraudulent claims being admitted by Treasuries.

The delay in the submission of the annual accounts on the part of as many as 40 treasuries is not satisfactory. The State Huzur Treasury which is under the direct control of the Comptroller was the last to submit its returns. The Revenue Commissioner and the Comptroller are requested to warn the officers concerned and to take necessary action for ensuring the submission in future of the statements by the due date.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Administration Report of the Stamp Department.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 36—28-29, dated the 4th October 1929, from the Commissioner of Stamps in Mysore, forwarding the Annual Report on the working of the Stamp Department for 1928-29.

ORDER NO. FL. 3797-806—ST. 12-29-3, DATED 27—28TH NOVEMBER 1929.

Recorded.

2. During the year under review, the following improvements were effected :—

(*a*) The manufacture of new receipt stamps in British Post Office red colour with the portrait of His Highness the Maharaja was ordered and to suit public convenience, three more denominations of court-fee stamps of the value of annas 5, 10 and Rs. 1-4-0 were introduced ;

(*b*) The Amildars were invested with powers to deal with the refund of unused stamps under Section 54 of the Stamp Regulation ;

(*c*) The court-fee leviable on applications for transfer of State Loan Bonds from the names of deceased persons to their heirs was ordered to be remitted when the face value is less than Rs. 100 ;

(*d*) With a view to safeguard stamp revenue, the rules for storage, issue and verification of stock of stamps in the Central and Local Depots were suitably revised ; and

(*e*) Measures were taken for the enforcement of payment of stamp duty on policies issued by Foreign Insurance Companies to residents in the Mysore State. Sanction was also accorded to the introduction of revised forms to minimise scriptory work and the cost of stationery.

3. The total stamp revenue for the year rose to Rs. 23,25,330 from Rs. 22,82,007 in the preceding year.

4. The recovery of institution fees which amounted to Rs. 9,228 as against a total dues of Rs. 75,750 was unsatisfactory. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to take energetic action for realising the arrears.

5. The establishment of the Stamp Department was revised, the main features of the revision being the adoption of a time-scale of pay to the supervisors of the offices of the Superintendents of Stamps and of the Manufactory and increase in the existing number of hands so as to cope with the increasing work of the department.

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Financial Secretary to Government.